resigned in 1986. Efforts are on to find as uccessor. There was no problem of inadequate staff.

(c) The details of grants given by the Department of Atomic Energy during the current plan period are as follows :

Rs. in Lakhs

1985-86	14.20
1986-87	15·53
1987-88	18·21
1988-89	22·00

The grants given to the Institute are in support of research and advancement of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics.

Pak capability to produce Anti-Aircraft/Anti-tank Missiles

3120. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Pakistan's & nuclear scientist Abdul Quadeer Khan which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 25th February 1989 wherein he has stated that Pakistan is now in a position to produce anti-aircraft and anti-tank missiles; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to strength India's missile programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DFPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Defence Research and Development has already undertaken Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme which includes design, development and establishment of limited series production of a number of missile systems. The programme is progressing satisfactorily.

Visit of Naval Chief of Federal Republic of German Navy to India

3121. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Naval Chief of Federal Republic of Germany visited India during February-March, 1989;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with them; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The Naval Chief of the Federal Republic of Germany visited India from 26th February to 3rd March, 1989. Such visits are intended to promote mutual goodwill among the Navies.

3122 [*Transferred to the 27th March*, 1989.]

Setting up of Medical and Health Education Commission

3123. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to set up an apex Body to be known as Medical and Health Education Commission ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) The Medical Education Review Committee, whose report was placed before the Parliament on the 2nd May, 1986, had made a recommendation for the establishment of an autonomous Medical and Health Education Commission, which would be responsible for coordination, planning and implementation of various medical and health education programme in all branches of health sciences planning, for the development of health manpower, allocation of funds and disbursement of grants to medical and health institutions etc. This recommendation has been accepted, in principle, and action has been initiated in consultation with various organisations and medical education scientists to work out the modalities regarding the setting up of such a Committee.

Ban on filling up vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis

3124. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban has been imposed for filling up vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis ; if so, since when ;

(b) whether these ban orders are applicable to ex-Cadre (non-ministerial) posts or it includes posts under Central Secretariat Services also ; and

(c) what is the number of posts filled up on *ad-hoc* basis in each cadre (classwise), for ex-cadre/C.S.S. separately in the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies and its attached offices separately during years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b)Revised instructions on ad-hoc appointments have been issued vide Department of Personnel and Training OM No. 28036/8/87-Estt.(D) dated 30-3-88 (copy enclosed) [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 168]. These instructions do not impose a total ban on filling up of posts on ad-hoc basis. The instructions apply to all posts under the Central Government including posts in the Central Secretariat Service.

(c) Such information is not centrally maintained.

Promotions in Army Ordnance Corps

3125. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from O.S. Gd. II who have been promoted to O.S. Gd. I in Army Ordnance Corps during the last three years ;

(b) whether the SC/ST candidates have been considered for the said promotion on the basis of their seniority ;

(c) whether the promotions have been made on the reservation policy as being followed in the Central Government Offices, as per the roster points ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to clear the backlog ?